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1. THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER OF JUNE 6, 1978, FROM SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER ABDORUDIOUF TO AMBASSADOR COHEN REQUESTING TRANSPORT OF A BATTALION OF SENEGALESE FORCES TO ZAIRE.

QUOTE:
2. MR. AMBASSADOR: AS YOU KNOW, THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, A

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MEMBER STATE OF THE OAU, HAS JUST BEEN THE VICTIM OF AN
AGGRESSION COMING FROM THE OUTSIDE AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF
WHICH, AT THE LEVEL OF THE SECURITY OF THE AFRICAN
CONTINENT, ARE HEAVY WITH IMPLICATIONS.

3. THE THREAT WHICH WEIGHS ON THIS COUNTRY CONTINUING TO
EXIST, THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE OAU, AT THE REQUEST
OF THE AUTHORITIES OF KINSAHASA, LAUNCHED AN APPEAL TO ALL
STATES WHICH ARE SIGNATORY TO THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION,
INVITING THEM TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ZAIRIAN
GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO RE-ESTABLISH SECURITY IN THE PROVINCE
OF SHABA AND TO SAFEGUARD ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

4. FAITHFUL TO ITS POLICY OF UNITY AND AFRICAN COOPERATION,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL HAS DECIDED TO
RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE JOINT DEMAND OF THE PRESIDENT OF
THE OAU AND OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT BY SENDING A BATTALION
OF ABOUT 600 MEN, PLUS THE FOLLOWING MATERIEL:
-- 5 JEEPS
-- 3 PERSONNEL CARRIERS
-- 2 PORTABLE KITCHENS
PLUS THE CORRESPONDING INITIAL SUPPLIES IN MUNITIONS,
FOODSTUFFS, MEDICINES AND OTHER MATERIALS.

5. THE LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH HAVE
ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THE
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INTEREST WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS IN MAINTAINING PEACE
AND SECURITY IN AFRICA, AUTHORIZE ME TO ASK YOU TO INTERVENE
WITH THE FORMER WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING ITS AGREEMENT IN
PRINCIPLE FOR THE TRANSPORT, GOING AND RETURNING, OF THE
SENEGALESE BATTALION WHICH HAS BEEN PUT AT THE
DISPOSITION OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT.

6. THE DATE ON WHICH THE BATTALION CAN BE PICKED UP
WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BY
DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF ARMED FORCES AND
THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES OF YOUR MISSION.

7. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY
VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. SIGNED/ABDOU DIOUF. END QUOTE.
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